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**SANDLIN LEADS HOUSE PUSH FOR TRIBAL LAW AND ORDER A**

***Legislation***      ***Helps Keep Tribal Communities Safe, Provides Crime-Fighting T***

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Rep. Stephanie He

“One of my highest priorities as a representative of South Dakota’s nine sovereign

The Tribal Law and Order Act would:

- Clarify the responsibilities of Federal, State, tribal, and local governments with re

- Increase coordination and communication among Federal, State, tribal, and local

- Empower tribal governments with the authority, resources, and information neces

- Reduce the prevalence of violent crime in tribal communities and combat violence

- Address and prevent drug trafficking and reduce rates of alcohol and drug addiction



- Increase and standardize the collection of criminal data and the sharing of crimin

In June of 2007 at the request of Rep. Herseth Sandlin, the House Committee on I

For example, the Law Enforcement Department of Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of

At current funding levels, the Cheyenne Rivers Sioux Tribe Law Enforcement Depo

Rep. Herseth Sandlin is a member of the House Natural Resources Committee wh

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